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The congregation that eventually became known as St. James' Church was organized in 1760. The church building, erected in 1762, is reportedly the sixth oldest church building in the City of Philadelphia. In 1844, St. James' Church became the first of three Swedish churches in Pennsylvania to become officially affiliated with the diocese. Referral may be made to Pages K-4 through K-6 for a more detailed history of the congregation and a description of the church properties.

THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

St. James' Church of Kingessing ministers to the Southwest Philadelphia area. For the purposes of this Study, an arbitrary parish area has been assigned, comprising Census Tracts PH-40B, C, F, G, H, I, and K. St. James' Church is located in Census Tract 40-G. The 1960 population of this arbitrarily assigned parish area was 40,794 persons.

With the exception of Census Tract 40-H, no statistics were available on the population of the census tracts in the parish area in 1950. Of the 5,805 persons in Census Tract 40-G in 1960, 28.2% comprised children 14 years of age and under, 10.5% included adults 65 years of age and over, and 13.7% was non-white. The following chart offers additional information on the population characteristics of the parish area. Note that children 14 years of age and under comprised more than one-fourth of the total population. The concentration of adults 65 years of age and over was highest in Census Tracts 40-B and 40-G. Non-whites were concentrated in Census Tracts 40-G and 40-H. The median family income was highest in Census Tract 40-F and lowest in 40-G.

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CENSUS TRACT	POPULATION		% Change	% 14 & Under	% 65 & Over	% Non-White
	1950	1960				
PH-40G	NA	5,805	---	28.2	10.5	13.7
40-B	NA	5,556	---	26.0	14.2	0.2
40-C	NA	9,501	---	28.0	8.2	0.1
40-F	NA	5,367	---	26.6	9.0	0.1
40-H	5,749	5,780	0.5	28.7	9.9	10.1
40-I	NA	5,276	---	27.6	9.0	1.1
40-K	NA	3,509	---	31.3	6.2	4.3
Totals:		40,794				4.0

CENSUS TRACT	NON-WHITE POP.		% Change	Residence 1960 Same As 1955 Percent	P. Ricans 60	Median Family Income
	1950	1960				
PH-40G	NA	795	---	62.3	17	\$5,792
40-B	NA	12	---	69.2	4	6,049
40-C	NA	14	---	67.7	8	6,251
40-F	NA	7	---	78.4	0	6,598
40-H	430	585	36.0	68.1	0	6,185
40-I	NA	60	---	76.9	0	6,380
40-K	NA	152	---	56.0	0	6,396
Totals:		1,618			29 =	

0.07% of
total pop.

The United States Census Bureau provides information regarding the educational level of adults 25 years of age and over in this arbitrarily assigned parish area. In Census Tract 40-G, 17.9% of the 1960 population were high school graduates, 3.7% had received from one to three years of college training, and 2.3% were college graduates. The median educational level of the population of this census tract was 9.0 years. The median age for males was 30.5 years and the median age for females was 32.6 years. Similar information regarding the population of the additional census tracts in the parish area may be obtained from the following chart. Characteristic of the data is the fact that college trained individuals comprised a small percentage of the population. Census Tract 40-F had the highest median age for males, while 40-B had the highest median age for females.

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CENSUS TRACT	EDUCATION OF ADULTS 25 YRS OF AGE AND OVER			Median Edc.	Median Age	
	%	%	%		M.	F.
	H.S.	College	College		M.	F.
	Grad.	1-3 Yrs.	Grad.			
PH-40G	17.9	3.7	2.3	9.0	30.5	32.6
40-B	17.4	3.9	1.1	9.2	30.3	37.7
40-C	16.4	2.1	1.9	8.9	31.6	32.4
40-F	20.9	2.1	1.4	9.3	32.9	35.5
40-H	23.3	3.2	4.1	9.6	29.6	34.2
40-I	22.0	3.1	1.1	9.3	32.6	33.6
40-K	22.2	2.0	1.4	9.6	29.2	29.7

As mentioned earlier, the 1960 population of this assigned parish area was 40,794 persons. Of this number, 851, or 2.1%, were oriented to the Episcopal Church. Of the Episcopal population, 701 persons, or 82.4%, were members of St. James' Church. The highest number of Episcopalians were concentrated in Census Tracts 40-F, G, and H. Membership in St. James' Church was also highest in these census tracts. Approximately 50.4% of the mapped membership of 1,386 persons resided within the arbitrarily assigned parish area. Additional information may be obtained from the following chart.

CENSUS TRACT	TOTAL POP.	TOTAL EPIS.	% OF POP. EPIS.	TOTAL PARISH MEMB.	% EPIS. MEMB.	% PARISH MEMB.
PH-40G	5,805	180	3.1	171	95.0	12.2
40-B	5,556	122	2.2	99	81.1	7.1
40-C	9,501	92	1.0	65	70.7	4.7
40-F	5,367	152	2.8	101	66.4	7.3
40-H	5,780	111	1.9	98	88.3	7.0
40-I	5,276	151	2.9	137	90.7	9.9
40-K	3,509	43	1.2	30	71.4	2.2
Totals:	40,794	851	2.1	701	82.4	50.4

The public and private schools as well as other religious denominations that are located within the church neighborhood are listed on Pages K-1 through K-3 of the Church Self-Study Form.

THE CHURCH PROGRAM

A detailed presentation of the parish program appears in the Church Self-Study Form which has been reproduced and included in this Study for closer consideration. Certain aspects of the church's program have been selected for comments in the last section of this report entitled Discussion and Recommendations. In order to avoid duplication, these aspects will not be commented upon at this time. While the last section of this report is being reviewed by members of the congregation, reference should be made to the particular section or sections of the Church Self-Study Form being commented upon.

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CHURCH SELF-STUDY FORM

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I. IDENTIFICATION

Church St. James Church of Kingsessing

Street 6838 Woodland Avenue

City Philadelphia

County Philadelphia

Diocese Pennsylvania

Parish or Mission Parish

State Pennsylvania

What geographic area does this church serve? _____

Southwest Philadelphia

II. THE CHURCH NEIGHBORHOOD

A. The church is located in a section of the city which is occupied by:

Downtown commercial uses _____ Industrial uses X Apartment dwellings few

Rooming houses some Single-home dwellings X A college _____ Military

uses _____ Other institutions row houses

B. If more than one type is checked above, please clarify:

C. Is the church neighborhood changing in any way? Describe:

Italian Americans moving into vacated houses. Some movement of negroes into
the neighborhood.

D. The following schools are located within the church neighborhood:

PUBLIC GRADE SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

Comegys School

52nd & Greenway Avenue

Joseph W. Catherine

66th & Chester Avenue

Longstreth School

58th & Willows Avenue

John M. Patterson

70th & Buist Avenue

Mitchell School

56th & Kingsessing Avenue

Thomas G. Merten

63rd & Elmwood Avenue

Wolf School

81st & Lyons Avenue

PUBLIC JUNIOR AND SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOLS

Tilden Junior High School

Shaw Junior High School

John Bartram High School

ADDRESS

66th & Elmwood Avenue

54th & Warrington Avenue

67th & Elmwood Avenue

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL NURSERY SCHOOLS

Pillar of Fire Private School

ADDRESS

42nd & Baltimore Avenue

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL GRADE SCHOOLS

Good Shepherd

Most Blessed Sacrament

St. Barnabas

St. Clement

St. Mary of Czestochowa

Our Lady of Loretto

St. Raphael

ADDRESS

66th & Chester Avenue

56th & Kingsessing Avenue

64th & Buist Avenue

72nd & Paschall Avenue

59th & Elmwood Avenue

63rd & Grays Avenue

85th & Tinicum Avenue

PRIVATE OR PAROCHIAL JUNIOR AND SENIOR
HIGH SCHOOLS

ADDRESS

JUNIOR COLLEGES AND COLLEGES

ADDRESS

E. The following churches are located within the church neighborhood:

NAME OF CHURCH AND DENOMINATION	ADDRESS
Woodland Avenue United Presbyterian	66th & Woodland Avenue
Southwestern Presbyterian	70th & Buist Avenue
Mount Calvary Presbyterian	77th & Lyons Avenue
Faith Presbyterian	62nd & Lindbergh Blvd.
Sileam Methodist	Woodland Ave. & 70th Street
Clearview Methodist	76th & Buist Avenue
Oliver - Bethany Methodist	63rd & Grays Avenue
Woodland Baptist	65th & Gesner Sts.
Paschall Baptist (Negro)	71st & Yocum Sts.
Karmel United Church of Christ	72nd & Elmwood Avenue
Prichard Memorial Lutheran	63rd & Elmwood Avenue
Emmanuel Bible Fellowship	6422 Dickens Avenue
Union Chapel	73rd & Elmwood Avenue
St. Barnabas Roman Catholic	64th & Buist Avenue
St. Clement Roman Catholic	71st & Woodland Avenue
Good Shepherd Roman Catholic	67th & Chester Avenue
(Polish)	
St. Mary of Czectechowa Roman Catholic	59th & Elmwood Avenue
Our Lady of Loreto R.C. (Italian)	63rd & Grays Avenue

III. HISTORY OF THE CONGREGATION

Please write out a short history of this congregation. How was the work started? Give the important dates and events.

The Congregation that became St. James Church was organized in the year of Our Lord 1760. There is no known record of the meeting place prior to the erection of the Church in 1762. The land occupied by the new edifice had been the property of "Andrew Justis of Mill Creek hundred in the county of New Castle upon Delaware." There were three acres in the original Churchyard which, through subsequent purchases, has been increased to its present size; over five acres occupying the entire city square 68th to 69th street, Woodland Avenue to Paschall Ave. The indenture reads, "Andrew Justis...did grant and confirm unto said Henry Muhlenberg, James coultas, William Bben, Zachariah Cocks, Ephrath Ellis, Matthias Nitsillis, George Merten, Andrew Urian, Swan Culin, John Tayler, George Granthum and Seth Thomas---their heirs and assigns/ in trust and to the intent and purpose that the said piece or parcell of land...shall forever remain and be continued for the use, benefit and behoof of a Lutheran Chruch thereafter to be erected and to be officiated and served in the English tongue by the Swedish Episcopal Lutheran Minister of Wiccace near the city of Philadelphia..."

The following clergymen of the Church of Sweden served the Parish:

Rev. C.M.Wrangell.....	Died 1786
Rev. Andreas Goeranson.....	1768-1779
Rev. Matthias Hultgren.....	1779-1786
Rev. Nicholas Collin (Culin).....	1786-1831

Doctor Collin in time made use of the Liturgy of the Episcopal Church, and preached in English. During his ministry, Dr. Collin had the assistance of several clergymen of the Episcopal Church. Following his resignation the Rev. Jehu Curtis Clay and Episcopal clergyman, became paster of "the United Lutheran Churches of Wiccace, Kingessing and Upper Merion." Since Mr. Clay's death these Episcopal clergymen have served St. James Church:

Rev. C.S. Brinkle.....	1843-1848	Rev. S. Lord Gilbertson.....	1893-1930
Rev. J.Brinton Smith.....	1848-1856	Rev. William Roberts.....	1930-1941
Rev. Charles A. Maisen.....	1857-1893	Rev. James C. Gilbert.....	1941-

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The following data are of interest:

St. James is the sixth oldest Church building in Philadelphia, the oldest west of the Schuylkill River.

The first interment in the Church Yard according to our cemetery records was that of Jacob Lincoln who departed this life June 5, 1769 (age 44yrs.)

At the Annual Meeting in 1844, St. James became a member of the Convention of the Diocese of Pennsylvania, the first of the three Swedish Churches in Penna. to affiliate formally with the Protestant Episcopal Church.

1850-The stone house, later used by St. Vincent's Hospital was purchased for a parsonage. Demolished 1959.

1854-Transepts, the Chancel and recessed Sanctuary were added. As Vestry room was included in this construction. December 7, 1854, the Church was consecrated by the Rt. Rev. Alonzo Potter, D.D. Bishop of Penna.

1855-The stone wall on Darby Road (now Woodland Ave.) was erected along the original Church Yard. Later the wall was continued to 68th St.

1859-The Sunday School building was erected (now part of the Rectory)

1865-The one-story building at 68th Street was constructed. This edifice, to be used as a Day School, was presented to the Congregation by Thomas Sparks, ESQ.

1865-Stone Font was installed.

1904-The Sparks Building was enlarged, to serve as a Parish House.

1904-The Sunday School building was altered and made into a Rectory.

1911-1912-A Wrought Iron Fence, approximately 1400 feet in length, enclosed the Church Yard along 68th Street, 69th Street, and Paschall Avenue.

1931-A Garage was erected next to the Rectory.

A Cement pavement was laid on all four walks bordering the Church Yard.

1942-Under the direction of Mr. Edwin Boggs, R.A. a plan of re-decoration was inaugurated. The Chancel and Sanctuary furnishings (also the reredos and Palladian window) were installed as part of this plan.

1952-A two manual Schantz pipe organ was installed in the South Transept.

1955-Carpet was laid in the aisles, Chancel and Sanctuary.

1959-At this time work is in progress to modernize the Parish House.

After the completion of this program it is planned to erect an addition to the Church by replacing the present Vestry room. This addition will provide facilities for the Altar Guild, the Choirs, the Vestry, and the Clergy.

In the present Congregation there are over 1500 baptized persons. The confirmed members total about 1000, of whom about 750 are considered active communicants.

IV. THE LOCAL CONGREGATION

A. Church properties:

1. Describe and give location of all land owned by the congregation, reporting the use of each parcel.

Cemetery - 68th - 69th and Paschall Avenue

2. Type of church building: Frame Brick Stone X Other (type)

Describe the church building, giving number of sittings; condition of building; and improvements needed, with estimated cost:

Capacity -- 450 to 500

Fairly good condition, cost unknown - original section erected 1762.

Improvements needed in Choir Room.

Replacement Value \$ 200,000 Amount of insurance carried \$ 132,000

3. Type of parish hall or house: Attached Separated X ;

In basement of the church ; Frame Brick

Stone X Other (type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of the building, and improvements needed, with the estimated cost.

Seven rooms, Building outside in fairly good condition, needs new floor in second floor auditorium.

Replacement value \$ 200,000 Amount of insurance carried \$ 126,000

4. Type of rectory or clergy house: Attached _____ Separated X ;
Frame _____ Brick _____ Stone X Other _____
(type)

Describe, giving the number of rooms, the condition of this building,
and improvements needed, with estimated cost.

In good repair - needs redecorating - interior 10 rooms - pantry,
sun perch, large hall - Front second floor used as a living room

Is it used as a clergy residence? yes If not, what use is made of
the building?

Replacement value: \$50,000 Insurance carried: \$ 35,000

5. Describe all other buildings owned or used by the congregation, giving
(a) type of construction; (b) number of rooms; (c) condition;
(d) improvements needed and estimated cost; (e) replacement value;
(f) amount of insurance carried; and (g) present use.

Two car garage, Stone - good condition. Used as garage - \$3,000
insurance - Used also for storing cemetery and lawn equipment.

B. Membership (secure from parish records):

1. Number of church families: Total number	<u>370</u>							
Number of individuals not in families	<u>255</u>							
2. Baptized membership	Communicants			Church School				
<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>	<u>1950</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>Now</u>
<u>1500</u>	<u>1400</u>	<u>1200</u>	<u>840</u>	<u>800</u>	<u>750</u>	<u>500</u>	<u>420</u>	<u>370</u>
3. Number of baptized members who were removed from the parish list	5 yrs. ago	4 yrs. ago	3 yrs. ago	2 yrs. ago	Last year			
	<u> </u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>9</u>			
Number of baptized members who were added to the parish list	<u>57</u>	<u>71</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>57</u>	<u>42</u>			
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4. Communicants added:								
By confirmation from Episcopal families	<u>35</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>29</u>	<u>24</u>			
By confirmation from other Churches	<u>13</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>7</u>			
By reception from other Churches	<u>5</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>			
By baptism and confirmation from no church	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>1</u>			
Total	<u>53</u>	<u>34</u>	<u>33</u>	<u>40</u>	<u>33</u>			
5. Attendance:								
Number of communicants who attended regularly last year	<u>350</u>							
Number of communicants who attended occasionally	<u>400</u>							
Number who did not attend last year, but lived in the community	<u>100</u>							
Number of communicants who did not live in the community, but were on the parish records, not transferred	<u>75</u>							
6. How many persons attended the last annual business meeting?	<u>70</u>							

V. WORSHIP

A. List schedule of regular Sunday services, including church school:

TYPE OF SERVICE	HOUR	ATTENDANCE (Adults & Children)*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Holy Communion	8:15AM			
Family Service (Holy Communion or Morning Prayer	9:30AM			
Morning Prayer	11:00AM			
Holy Communion first Sunday	11:00AM			
Litany Third Sunday				

*Use figures from Church Service Register

B. Weekday services:

TYPE OF SERVICE	DAY AND HOUR	ATTENDANCE*		
		LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
Holy Communion on special days	10:00AM			
Evening Prayer - Wed. in Lent	8:00PM			
Children's Service -Wed. in Lent	4:00PM			

*Use figures from the Church Service Register

C. Special services or missions held during the average year (including Lent):

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Wednesday Evenings during Lent - Annual Lucia Fest - Thanksgiving Service -

Carol Service Sunday before Christmas

D. Number and nature of services in which this congregation participates with other Episcopal congregations. State average attendance from this congregation:

Meeting of Convocation of West Phila. scheduled for October 29, 1964

Evening Prayer (10 or 12 when the meeting is in other parish churches)

E. What experiments or adjustments have been made in changing the hours or the format of services? Comment on results:

I tried Evening Celebration of Holy Communion the 1st Sunday of each
month at 7:30PM - Average attendance - 15 to 20 persons. Discontinued.

Nearly all could have come to the morning celebration.

F. Additional information about Sunday services:

1. Are ^{NO}birthdays, ^{NO}anniversaries, and the departed regularly remembered? yes
2. Is there a coffee or hospitality hour after any service? occasionally
3. Is baby care provided during any service? yes - 9:30 and 11:00AM

VI. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A. Church School

1. Registration and attendance

a. Teachers and staff 41

b. Students 344

Total 385

c. Lowest total classroom attendance during the past year 109

d. Highest total classroom attendance during the past year (except for Christmas and Easter) 270

e. Are absentee cards used? frequently teachers send cards or notes to absentees.

f. How many months of the year is the church school in operation? 12

g. If teachers call on students in case of absence, or for other reasons, please give details. teachers do this voluntarily and occasionally in cases of illness or prolonged absences.

2. Worship schedule

<u>CLASS OR DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>DAY</u>	<u>HOOR</u>	<u>DURATION</u>	<u>LEADER</u>
<u>Nursery -Babies to 2 yrs.</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>9:30AM</u>	<u>no formal</u>	<u>worship service</u>
<u>Nursery -3 yr. olds</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>9:30AM</u>	<u>about 10-15 Min.</u>	<u>Teachers in chge.</u>
<u>Kgtn to 3rd grade</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>9:30AM</u>	<u>10-15Minutes</u>	<u>one of teachers</u>
<u>4th grade to adults</u> (3rd grade will come in to this service about end of Nov.)	<u>Sun</u>	<u>9:30AM</u>	<u>1 hr to 40 min.</u> (service in church) plus add. lay-readers.	<u>rector and Sup.</u>
<u>3rd Sun. in month</u> (4th grade and over)	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>9:30AM</u>	<u>1 1/4 hr.</u> (entire session)	<u>Holy Com. Service</u> (Rector)
<u>Summer Months - XXXXXX</u> <u>Upper School</u>	<u>Sun.</u>	<u>9:30AM</u>	<u>1 hr.</u> (entire session in church)	<u>Lay Readers and Sup.</u>

3. Instruction schedule

CLASS	REGISTRATION	AGE	SEX	DAY	HOOR	DURATION	COURSE MATERIAL
<u>Nursery A</u>	<u>8 (Baby-2+)</u>		<u>M&F</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>1 hr.</u>	<u>Informal stories and conversation</u>
<u>Nursery B</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>M&F</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>1 hr.</u>	<u>Epis. Fellowship series</u> <u>God Loves Me</u>
<u>Kgtn. A</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>M&F</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>9:45</u>	<u>1 hr.</u>	<u>Epis. Fellowship series</u> <u>All Things Bright & Beautiful</u>
<u>Kgtn B</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>M&F</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>9:45</u>	<u>1 hr.</u>	<u>Our Heavenly Father</u> <u>Seabury-</u> <u>God is With Us</u> <u>The Lord Jesus</u>
<u>1st Grade</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>M&F</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>9:45</u>	<u>1 hr.</u>	<u>Seabury-</u> <u>God, His Word & Me</u> <u>God The Greater</u>
<u>2nd Grade</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>M&F</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>9:45</u>	<u>1 hr.</u>	<u>Many Messengers-Seabury</u> <u>Our Prayers & Praise</u>
<u>3rd Grade</u>	<u>20</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>M&F</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>9:45</u>	<u>1 hr.</u>	<u>Seabury- Keeping</u> <u>the Covenant</u> <u>The Promise</u>
<u>4th Grade</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>10:00 or 10:10</u>	<u>3/4 or 1 hr.</u>	
<u>4th Grade</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>5th Grade</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Seabury-</u> <u>Living In The Church</u> <u>The Church Grows</u>
<u>5th Grade</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>6th Grade</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Seabury -Sons & Heirs</u> <u>The Son of God</u>
<u>6th Grade</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Seabury-</u> <u>We are called to</u> <u>more than words</u>
<u>7th Grade</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>8th Grade</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Seabury-Strenght to</u> <u>Grow</u> <u>What Is Christian Courage</u>
<u>8th Grade</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>13</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>9th Grade</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Seabury-Challenge,</u> <u>Trust & Faith</u> <u>Old Testament-Roots of Our</u> <u>Fathers</u>
<u>9th Grade</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>10th Grade</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>15-16</u>	<u>M</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Seabury-Belief and</u> <u>Behavior - To Know and</u> <u>Believe</u>
<u>10th Grade</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>15-16</u>	<u>F</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>" "</u>
<u>11th & 12th Grade</u>	<u>27</u>	<u>16-18</u>	<u>M&F</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Seabury-It's Your Choice</u> <u>plus current topics</u>
<u>Parents & Adults</u>	<u>40</u>		<u>M&F</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>"</u>	<u>Church's Teaching Series</u>
<u>Ladies Bible Class</u>	<u>15</u>		<u>F</u>	<u>Sun</u>	<u>9:30</u>	<u>1 1/2 hr.</u>	<u>Fiscussion on a portion</u> <u>of the Bible.</u>

4. List the teaching aids used, including audio-visual material.

Flannel Beards in younger classes, Maps, flat pictures, filmstrips of Holy
Communion Service or particular Mission Field, occasional Film on Life of Christ-
etc. Nativity Tableaux ~~XX~~ Christmas - Flowering of the Cross at Easter.

5. Describe the program for pre-school children.

Babies up to 2 have very informal program in a ~~XXXXXX~~ separate room
Nursery 3yr olds have worship program and lesson (Story, handiwork and activity)
in their room.
Kindergarden-(2 classes -4yr olds & 5yr. olds) worship with other primary classes
then have lesson, handwork and activity program for each group.

6. Data on the teaching staff

a. How are teachers recruited? Possible persons are asked by the Rector
or Director of Religious Education.

b. Describe the way in which teachers are trained, giving the
 number of sessions, the leaders, etc. Monthly sessions are held
for Instruction in content and discussion of method. Usually a special session -
finner meeting is held in the Fall for showing a movie and discussion - such as
"Here and Now or a speaker and discussion.

c. How are teachers assisted in the performance of their duties?
Conferences with the Director. Additional and supplemental material made
avialable for teachers.

d. Summary of teachers' backgrounds

AGE			EDUCATION		YEARS TEACHING	
	Number			Number		Number
19 years or less	<u>2</u>		Grade school	<u>2</u>	one	<u>4 2</u>
20 to 29	<u>10</u>		Junior high	<u>2</u>	two	<u>7</u>
30 to 39	<u>10</u>		Senior high	<u>23</u>	three	<u>4</u>
40 to 49	<u>7</u>		1 to 3 years		four	<u>1</u>
50 years or more	<u>6</u>		College	<u>1</u>	five	<u>3</u>
			College grad.	<u>4</u>	6 to 10	<u>3</u>
			Graduate study	<u>3</u>	11 to 20	<u>7</u>
Male	<u>10</u>				20 and over	<u>—</u>
Female	<u>25</u>					
			K-12			

7. What problems does the church school have? Classes do not have
individual class rooms. The time for class period for upper school is
not long enough.

B. Vacation Church School -- NONE

1. When is it held? _____
2. For how long each day? _____
3. What type of courses are taught? _____

4. How many children attend, usually? _____
5. How many of these children are regular pupils of this congregation's
church school? _____
6. How many teachers are there? _____

C. Released Time Program -- NONE

1. When are classes held? _____
2. What type of courses are taught? _____

3. How many of this congregation's children attend? _____
4. What is the relationship of the teachers to this congregation?

5. What is the relationship of the Released Time classes to the Christian
education program of this congregation?

D. Day School: If the congregation has a day school, please fill out the
Parochial School Report Form and submit it with this report.

E. Confirmation Instruction

1. Children

- a. What is the usual age of confirmation? 11-12 yrs. b. How many
12 to 14 for
 instruction sessions are held? children c. How long is each session?
1 hour d. Who is the instructor? Rector e. What material is
 used? The Book of Common Prayer
- f. What is the relationship of the confirmation class material
 to the regular church school curriculum? Supplementary

2. Adults

- a. How many sessions are held? 10 b. How long is each session?
1½ hrs. c. Who is the instructor? Rector d. What
 material is used? Book of Common Prayer

F. Adult Education

1. List the general adult education program in the congregation,
 including Bible classes, parents' classes, discussion groups, etc.

NAME OF GROUP	NUMBER OF MEMBERS	NUMBER OF MEETINGS	LENGTH OF MEETINGS	INSTRUCTOR
Adult Group - meets at the time children are in their classes	45	every Sunday	30-40 min.	Mr. D. Apostolu (M.S.) A vestryman & Lay Rdr.
Daughters of The King	15	once a month	1½ hrs.	Rector
Woman's Auxiliary	30	once a month	1½ hrs.	Director of Rel. Ed. (Occasional instruction)
Ladies Bible Class	30	weekly	1 hr.	Mrs. May Palmer
Lay Readers (2 or 3 are in Training to be Lay Readers)	5	4 times per year	1½ hrs.	Rector

2. What Retreats, missions, Quiet Days, etc., have the members participated in during the last two years? Estimate the total number of participants. Last mission was in 1961 - 1st week of Lent -

attendance 8PM averaged 180 - Total 4 nights --720

3. What leader- and participant-training programs have been held in the last two years, such as the Indiana Plan, Parish Life Conferences, Missions, and Institutes? Estimate the total number of participants.

NONE

- G. How can the Christian education program of this congregation be strengthened?

By having another Clergyman on the staff.

VII. SUMMARY OF ORGANIZATIONS - Include, where applicable, vestry or bishop's committee, parish council, choirs, guilds, circles, ushers, acolytes (for men as well as boys), college work, etc.

A. For Women - Figures are for active communicant members

1. Give the total number of adult women in the congregation. 350
2. Give the number of organizations for adult women. 5
3. Give the total active membership of all these organizations.

B. For Men

1. Give the total number of adult men in the congregation. 200
2. Give the number of organizations for adult men. 1
3. Give the total membership of all these organizations. 25

C. For Men and Women

1. Give the number of organizations for men and women. 1
2. Give the total active membership of all these organizations. 20

D. For Girls in:	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of girls	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
2. Number of organizations	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
3. Total active membership	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

E. For Boys in:	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Total number of boys	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
2. Number of organizations	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
3. Total active membership	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>

F. For Youth in:	<u>grade school</u>	<u>junior high</u>	<u>high school</u>
1. Number of organizations	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>1</u>
2. Total active membership	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>25</u>

N.B. Please make a separate report for each individual organization, using the format on the following pages.

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name JUNIOR ALTAR GUILD

Total active members 3 Average attendance at meetings 3

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings Saturday 1:30PM

B. Why does this organization exist?

To teach young confirmed girls to prepare the Altar for Communion Services and to teach them the various vestments, linens and colers used during the church year. It also teaches them the proper care and cleansing of linens.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Young confirmed girls.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Litany of the Altar, parayer before entering the Sanctuary - Teaching of the many duties concerning care of the Communion vessels and linens.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

None

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Oppertunities - To serve God through work in his church and continue on to the Chancel Guild

Problems - None

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Make the guild more widely known to encourage more girls to join.

Signed by: Mrs. Sarah Steveline

Title: Director

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name YOUNG PEOPLES FELLOWSHIP

Total active members 30 Average attendance at meetings 12-15

Number of meetings each month 4 to 5 Day and time of meetings Sunday 7PM

B. Why does this organization exist?

This organization exists to give the young people an opportunity to meet
other young people and to worship God together. "Training the youth today
builds a stronger church tomorrow."

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? It is made up from
the young people from ages 15 to 20 (approximately)

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

At the beginning of each meeting we have a worship service. After business
is taken care of we have discussions on various things concerning youth and
the church. Speakers are also invited and we visit other churches.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

We have many social activities to bring the youth together. We have Saturday
night outings and hold car washes, have hay rides, etc. We visit other
churches to see what they do different from us and attend tri-church meetings
with neighborhood churches.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

There are many opportunities but there are also some problems. The
attendance is starting to fall and there are no new members to take their
place.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Start a wide campaign to get new members.

Signed by: Robert Gardner

Title: President

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name CHANCEL GUILD OF ST. JAMES OF KINGSESSING

Total active members 28 Average attendance at meetings 10

Number of meetings each month 4 per year Day and time of meetings 1st Tuesday

B. Why does this organization exist?

To set up the Service for Communion and to attend to the needs of the
Choir; Also to buy linens and Paraments for the church.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Female

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Litney and Prayers

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

A fancy table at one of the suppers given by another group and a supper
now and then.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

To learn what goes on in preparation of services. No Problems.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

More members.

Signed by: Mrs. Wilson

Title: Vice Director

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name EPISCOPAL CHURCHWOMEN - AUXILIARY AFTERNOON

Total active members 24 Average attendance at meetings 16

Number of meetings each month 1 Day and time of meetings 2nd Thursday
1:30PM

B. Why does this organization exist?

To assist with the church work in the Parish and to participate in the
Mission work of the Diocese and of the whole church.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Adult women

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Worship-prayers and Scripture pertaining to the Church Year. Educational
program follows suggested program of Episcopal Churchwomen.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Supper, bazaar to raise money to pay our commitments and social activities
to promote fellowship.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Problem - To get women to attend and participate and to develop leadership.
Opportunity - To enjoy a fuller life by participation.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Here, we need suggestions

Signed by: Mary A. Moore

Title: President

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name CHURCH GUILD - ST. JAMES CHURCH OF KINGSESSING

Total active members 45 Average attendance at meetings 30

Number of meetings each month 2 Day and time of meetings 1st & 3rd Monday 8:15PM

B. Why does this organization exist?

To work for the good, for the betterment and for the support of the Parrish.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Female members of the parrish

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Speakers from Divinity School and other affiliated groups.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Fund raising projects, such as suppers, bazaars and cake bakes.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

To promote sociability and fellowship among the members.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

To encourage the younger members of the group to take a more active interest and assume the responsibilities of organization.

Signed by: Mrs. Elmer Wilson

Title: Secretary

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name TROOP #638 BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Total active members 15 Average attendance at meetings 12

Number of meetings each month 4 Day and time of meetings Thursday 7:30PM

B. Why does this organization exist?

Community project.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn? Eleven year old boys and up.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Our boys must have some church affiliation.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

Scouting in general (Camping, good turns, physical fitness, etc.)

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

Training of boys for leadership and citizenship.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

More leadership.

Signed by: Edward Northwood

Title: Institutional Representative

VIII. REPORT FOR INDIVIDUAL ORGANIZATION

A. Name ACOLYTE'S GUILD

Total active members 26 Average attendance at meetings 15

Number of meetings each month every other month Day and time of meetings Wednesday

B. Why does this organization exist?

To provide Acolytes, Crucifers and Servers to assist the Rector during Church and Sunday School Services.

C. From what group in the congregation are the members drawn?

Boys from eleven years of age and up.

D. Describe the worship and the educational program.

Learn to participate in the Church Services.

E. Describe the other activities of the organization.

It provides a means for boys working for their "God and Country" Scout Award. An annual pilgrimage such as the Washington Cathedral and St. John's Cathedral in New York.

F. What are the major opportunities and problems of this organization?

To give the boys an opportunity to take an active personal part in Church worship and we hope they will continue and become lay readers or maybe some will become clergymen.

G. What can be done for greater effectiveness?

Signed by: JAMES COLSHER

Title: DIRECTOR

X. FINANCE

A. Income (Last Full Year): (1) Pledges \$15,641.87 (2) Plate offerings \$2,879.18 (3) Parish or mission organizations \$1,400.00 (4) Endowments \$3,732.79 (5) Special fund drives \$3,262.94 (6) Other (please specify) \$15,800.00 (Apprex.)

Wite Offerings - \$3,260.00 ; Sunday School - \$1,035.00 ; Special Campaigns - \$6,300.00 ; Cemetery \$3,200.00 ; Other - \$1,750.00

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1963 Last Full Year
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B. Disbursements

Total current expenses

Diocesan Assessment

Missionary Disbursements
Investments

Special parish expense
Cemetery

Clergy salary or salaries:
from congregation

from other sources

Rental value of the rectory

Is the church in debt? NO

\$ 1,200.00 - 1 year

Amount of debt \$ -- Method of repayment --

Finance (cont'd)

7. Is a thorough Every Member Canvass conducted each year? yes
If yes, by mail or personal solicitation? personal Describe the
training of the canvassers. one meeting - in church method used (i.e.)
Loyalty Sunday - keeps visits to a minimum
8. What other means of fund raising or stewardship education are used?
NONE
9. If this is a mission or aided parish, what is the potential for self-
support? NO
10. Additional comments or information on finances:
Operating fairly well, small excess last year, Investment Income
supplements ~~XXXX~~ receipts (Approx. \$200,00.00 invested)

C. Travel:

1. Does the priest have a car? Yes
2. By whom is the car purchased? Priest X Congregation Diocese
3. How much is the annual operating expense of the car, omitting deprecia-
tion? \$ 4. By whom is the operating expense paid? Priest
5. How much does the local congregation pay? NONE
6. Average number of miles traveled per month on church business

XI. CHRISTIAN EVANGELISM AND VISITATION

A. Clergy pastoral calling during the past year by rector or vicar:*

TYPE OF CALL	NUMBER OF CALLS PER WEEK		
	LOW	AVERAGE	HIGH
1. Family or routine parish	_____	<u>12</u>	<u>25</u> (few calls in this category)
2. Sick or emergency	_____	<u>12</u>	<u>25</u>
3. Calls for other purposes	_____	<u>12</u>	<u>25</u>

4. Time set aside for pastoral calling:

at least three afternoons each week

5. How do the clergy organize their parish calling? _____

6. How do the clergy organize their calling on the unchurched and newcomers?

As I learn of newcomers et al I visit as soon as convenient

7. Time spent in pastoral counseling (average hours per week) 4-6 hrs.

* Please give similar information, separately, for other clergy.

Counseling
preparation
for Baptism
Weddings &
other matters

B. Lay calling:

1. Describe the Zone or Neighborhood Organization. _____

Daughters of The King - Several Women (who are not organized for the purpose) visit shut-ins.

2. Describe the program of lay pastoral visitation, including the number of participants and the time spent.

Daughters of The King - sporadic visiting of new-comers and certain shut-ins.

Women who regularly visit the sick in nursing homes and in private homes.

3. Describe the program of lay evangelism (including the congregation's approach to newcomers and to the unchurched), giving the number of participants and the amount of time. _____

No organized program

4. How are newcomers integrated into the life of this congregation?

Rector's visit; Invitations to join organizations

5. Describe any religious census of the area made by the congregation itself or with other churches during the last ten years.

The last - an interdenominational effort in the community
about 1955.

XII. COMMUNICATIONS

- A. What use is made of the press? News releases and advertisements.

- B. What use is made of radio and/or television? NONE

- C. What use is made of the U.S. Mail? Regular precancelled letters

- D. Describe the regular publications which are mailed or distributed, including Sunday bulletins, parish newsletters, etc. _____

Sunday bulletins - 400 weekly

Parish letter - 850-900 Copies - 3 or 4 times per year

- E. How many church road signs are there? 2 (on our own 5 acres of property)

XIII. NEIGHBORHOOD OR COMMUNITY

A. Is this congregation community-minded? Those who live in this area-yes

B. Describe the clergy participation in community affairs. _____

Rector attends Lions Club; various meetings for community matters

C. Describe the participation of the congregation in community affairs.

Offer parish house as needed

Blood Bank - once a year

Elections - twice a year

D. Describe the general parish program for the community (including such church-sponsored programs as Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, etc.):

1 Troop Girl Scouts

1 Troop Boy Scouts

E. List community organizations using the parish hall and its facilities:

Lions Club

4-H Club - program each summer

Various groups as occasion requires

Eastern Star - John Bartram H.S. Committee(Alumni) et al

F. Describe the way in which the congregation cooperates with other religious bodies:

Rector - member - Ministers Association - World Day of Prayer - Annual

Reformation Sunday Service

XIV. PARTICIPATION IN DIOCESAN AND NATIONAL CHURCH PROGRAMS:

A. What offices do the clergy hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? Member- Missions Committee - Diocese Finance Committee

Chairman - Convocation

B. What offices do the lay people hold in the diocese, missionary district, or National Church? one vestryman - Laymen's Work - Diocese

C. What diocesan or National Church programs have directly benefited this congregation? Program of the Episcopal Churchwomen has benefitted women's groups.

National program of Mission Study benefitted ^{women and Church School} ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~

D. Describe the men's participation in diocesan programs: _____

E. Describe the women's participation in diocesan programs: _____

Women of parish attend Diocesan Meetings of Episcopal Churchwomen

Certain members are Diocesan and National Officers in The Daughters of The King

F. Describe youth participation in diocesan programs: _____

~~XXXX~~ 1 Young People's Fellowship member on Diocesan Council

G. Does this congregation pay its full Missionary Share or Quota? ^{It has before} ~~(There are no~~ quotas as such now)

H. What percent of the congregation's budget does for missionary work? 20%

XV. STAFF

- A. List all paid personnel working for this congregation, giving title, function, and salary, and telling whether full or part-time.

FULL TIME - ~~XXXXXX~~ Rector ; Parish Worker (Dir. Religious Education, etc.)

Senior Sexton; Assistant Sexton

PART TIME - Organist and Choir Director

- B. Describe the use of volunteer personnel by this congregation.

Assisting office work

Miscellaneous projects - Y.P.F. - Rake leaves

Chancel Guild - House clean the Sanctuary, etc.

XVI. FUTURE POLICY, PROGRAM, AND BUDGET

- A. In adopting a policy for an expanded program for this congregation, in order to vitalize its Christian witness to the community; to extend its outreach of Christian fellowship to all the unchurched; to increase initiative and responsibility for all members of the congregation; to develop local financial resources with a view towards self-support and parochial status (if not already attained); and to further other essential advances, what are the immediate needs as to:

1. Personnel: XXX Another Clergyman

2. Buildings: Adequate building attached to rear of church for
Choir, Vestry, Chancel Guild, Rector's Study and Office

3. Equipment: _____

- B. What are the major opportunities that face this congregation?

Growth in Eastwick area - Work with young people during
week in parish house

- C. What are the major problems that face this congregation?

1-Present movement of members to suburban communities

2-Wiping our present Parish House renovation debt (\$15,000.00)

3-Hesitancy of women (especially) to venture on streets for evening
meetings etc.

- D. What program needs seem evident on the basis of this Study?

- E. What would be the approximate capital cost to meet these needs?

F. What would be the annual operating budget to maintain the program?

G. What steps are now being taken locally to meet these needs and opportunities?

H. What steps are now being taken by the diocese or district, or might be taken, to assist in meeting these needs and opportunities?

I. Further data or comment on the general needs and problems of this congregation:

The data in this report were furnished by the following committee:

NAME	OCCUPATION	NUMBER OF YEARS IN PARISH
Almost entirely by Miss Elizabeth		
A. Jenks	Parish Worker	17
Rev. James C. Gilbert	Rector	23

Date completed: _____

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP FROM MAPS

The membership map submitted by this congregation locates a total of 1,386 persons who look to St. James' Church of Kingsessing for spiritual ministrations. These individuals are distributed over a wide area, including 20 persons from out of state.

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Further details on the membership distribution pattern of this congregation may be obtained from the tables on the following pages. The congregation is urged to utilize the natural groupings that appear in the distribution as shown on the map, in any program aimed at the development of area study of fellowship groups.

MEMBERSHIP DISTRIBUTION TABLE

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PARISH PHILADELPHIA

ST JAMES

CENSUS TRACT OR AREA		NUMBER OF MAPPED MEMBERS	PERCENTAGE OF TOTAL MAPPED MEMBERSHIP
D	91	4	4
D	40A	17	12
D	78A	19	14
D	78B	19	14
D	78E	5	4
D	2	2	1
D	3	1	1
D	4	12	9
D	6	2	1
D	8	6	4
D	9	6	4
D	10	7	5
D	11	2	1
D	17	6	4
D	18	1	1
D	21	37	26
D	24	54	39
D	25	4	3
D	26	6	4
D	27	25	18
D	28	24	17
D	31B	19	14
D	32	7	5
D	33	12	9
D	34B	34	25
D	35	29	21
D	36	14	10
D	38	4	3
D	39	15	11
D	64	2	1
D	66	2	1
D	75	2	1
D	99A	1	1
M	17B	4	3
	7C	1	1
	15E	1	1
	26E	4	3
	27C	1	1
	35G	3	2
	36F	1	1
	40A	59	43
	40B	99	71
	40C	65	47
	40E	36	26
	40F	101	73
X	40G	171	122
	40H	98	70
	40I	137	99
	40K	30	22
	40L	2	1
	40M	5	4
	46F	1	1
	46G	1	1
	46H	9	6
	46I	5	4

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REPORTED MEMBERSHIP AND FINANCIAL DATA FROM JOURNALS

During the decade between 1950 and 1960, the baptized membership of St. James' Church decreased by 7.7%, going from 1,490 persons in 1950 to 1,375 in 1960. The decrease in membership continued to project itself into 1961 and 1962, at which time it appears to have become stabilized. The communicant strength likewise decreased by 3.4% during the same decade, going from 730 communicants in 1950 to 705 in 1960. The trend was reversed in 1961 and has continued on the upswing in 1962 and 1963. Church school enrollment followed a pattern similar to the baptized membership and communicant strength. In the decade between 1950 and 1960, church school enrollment decreased by 12.1%, going from 494 to 434. Enrollment increased in 1961, but since 1962 it has again declined.

During the three years between 1961 and 1963, 164 persons were baptized at St. James' Church. These individuals constituted 7.4% of the communicant strength of the church. For purposes of comparison, the average ratio of baptisms to communicant strength for Philadelphia County was 3.7%, while the diocesan ratio was 3.9%. In the same three-year period, 106 persons were confirmed, and these represented 4.8% of the communicant strength. The county average in this category was 3.1%, while the diocesan average was 4.1%.

Total reported expenditures at St. James' Church of Kingsessing, amounted to \$118,237.00 during the three years between 1961 and 1963. Of this amount, \$21,111.00, or 17.9%, was utilized for purposes beyond the confines of the parish. The corresponding average for the county was 12.2%, while the average for the diocese was 14.2%. Extra-parochial expenditures per communicant during this three-year period amounted to \$9.49 as compared with \$9.57 for Philadelphia County and \$10.45 for the Diocese of Pennsylvania. During the same period, expenditures per communicant amounted to \$53.14. The corresponding county average was \$78.57, while the diocesan average was \$73.71.

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VITAL STATISTICS

PARISH ST. JAMES
COUNTY PHILADELPHIA

TOWN KINGSESSING
DIOCESE PENNSYLVANIA

	1940	1945	1950	1955	1960	1961	1962	1963
Baptized Members	1,500	1,400	1490	1600	1375	1300	1200	1200
Communicants	773	775	730	728	705	725	735	765
Church School	402	395	494	488	434	462	400	357
Baptisms	23	51	61	68	71	65	57	42
Percentage of Communicants	3.0	6.6	8.4	9.3	10.1	9.0	7.8	5.5
Confirmations	15	36	51	42	34	33	40	33
Percentage of Communicants	1.9	4.6	7.0	5.8	4.8	4.6	5.4	4.3
Parochial Expenditures 1	6,709	9,110	11,815	18,135	25,196	25,202	26,326	22,958
Special Par. Expenditures 2	4,583	8,774	17,528	20,596	29,439	10,514	6,202	5,924
Extra-parochial Expenditures 3	896	3,196	4,764	6,864	7,420	7,917	6,768	6,426
Total Reported Expenditures	12,188	21,080	34,107	46,195	62,055	43,633	39,296	35,308
Expenditures per Communicant	15.77	27.20	46.72	63.45	88.02	60.18	53.46	46.15
Extra-parochial Expenditures per Communicant	1.16	4.12	6.53	9.43	10.52	10.92	9.21	8.40

- 1 Includes clergy salary, current expense, pension premium, and Diocesan assessment.
2 Special parish purposes, including capital expenditures.
3 Includes Church's Program, special outside.

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DATA ON THE CONGREGATION

A total of 783 persons participated in the Episcopal Census of this congregation. This number represents too small a percentage of the 1,386 persons located on the membership map or of the 1,200 baptized included in the Journal of the diocese. Consequently, no valid analysis can be made of the profile of this congregation at this time. The following paragraphs, therefore, are intended to highlight the areas of highest response on the census.

A total of 682 individuals is tabulated on the age and sex chart of the Episcopal Census. Of this number, 296 were males and 386 were females. There were 77 children under 10 years of age, 106 older children and teen-agers, 75 adults in their 20's, 65 adults in their 30's, 105 adults in their 40's, 120 adults in their 50's, 89 adults in their 60's, and 45 adults were 70 years of age and over.

There were 737 respondents reporting on their occupations. Of this number, 437 were not gainfully employed: 60 were pre-students, 147 were students, 177 were housewives, 50 were retired, and three were unemployed. Of the 300 gainfully employed persons, craftsmen composed the largest group with 100, followed by clerical workers, with 86, and by professional people, with 34.

Of 715 respondents, 707 were baptized and eight were not. In addition, 494 were communicants and 221 were not. This latter group offers much opportunity for the extension of evangelism in the congregation's effort to involve these individuals in the affairs of the church.

A total of 520 persons reported on their length of membership in this congregation. Of this number, 107 had been members less than five years, 91 had been members from five to nine years, 85 had been members from 10 to 15 years, 77 had been members from 15 to 19 years, and 160 had been members 20 years or more.

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A total of 125 families reported on the number of children residing in the home. 51 families had one child, 30 families had two children, 33 families had three children, seven had four children, and four families had four or more children residing in the home.

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There were 457 persons 25 years of age and over who reported on their educational status. Of this number, 36 were college graduates, 38 had received from one to three years of college training, 190 were high school graduates, 107 had received from one to three years of high school training, 83 had received from five to eight years of elementary education, and three had received from one to four years of elementary training.

There were 699 persons who reported on their nativity. Of this number, 68 were born in the United States and 15 were not. In addition, 614 were natives of the State of Pennsylvania.

A total of 467 respondents indicated their nationality background. Of this number, 382 were Anglo-Saxon, 60 were Northern European, 13 were Southern European, 10 was Russian-Slavic, and two were Negro.

Other aspects of the census are summarized in the charts and graphs that appear on the following pages.

DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATIONS

ST. JAMES' CHURCH OF KINGSESSING, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Historic St. James' Church, erected in 1762, is the sixth oldest church building in the city of Philadelphia. In 1844, it became the first of three Swedish churches in Pennsylvania to affiliate formally with the diocese. The church properties extend over an entire city square of five acres. Included on this site are a church building, parish house, rectory, a two-car garage, and a cemetery. The Church Self-Study Form notes that some improvements on the church buildings are necessary. The program of insurance coverage, as outlined in the Self-Study, appears to be inadequate and it is suggested that the vestry of St. James' Church might wish to review the present program of coverage in an attempt to make it more realistic.

At the time of the Study, the area ministered to by St. James' Church was experiencing shifts in population. As a result of these shifts, the membership of the church is widely dispersed. The membership map submitted for the Study locates a total of 1,386 baptized members. Of this number, 701, or 50.4% of the mapped membership, reside within the arbitrarily assigned parish area. The remaining 49.6% is widely distributed. Quite possibly, this pattern of distribution might affect the level of attendance at services and participation in the various activities

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of the church, as well as the program of pastoral visitation.

As far as the church's program is concerned, some thought should be given to the situation in the church school. The Church Self-Study Form notes a total enrollment of 344 students and a staff of 41. Instruction is provided for both children and adults. Teaching aids and other supplementary materials are good, with adequate training and supervision of teachers available. The school's main problems include insufficient time for class sessions, and the lack of individual classrooms. As far as the duration of class sessions is concerned, attempts should be made to have these periods conform as closely as possible to the class periods of the public schools, which are of approximately 50 to 55 minutes duration. Regarding the individual classrooms, some thought might be given to the installation of sliding partitions or panels in the auditorium of the parish house. If space continues to be a problem, consideration could also be given to operating the church school in two shifts, coinciding somewhat with the 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 o'clock a.m. services. In addition, an educational building might be included as one of the future projects of the congregation.

Returning once more to the widespread distribution of membership, it is observed that the adult education program involves approximately 125 persons. This is not considered to be a fair representation, and the present program might be reviewed with the aim of extending the level of participation by the adults. In this connection, some thought could be given to the establishment

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of area study or fellowship groups following the pattern of clustering revealed in the membership distribution table referred to earlier in this report. Aside from their use in the adult education program, these groups might also serve as focal points for the extension of stewardship and lay evangelism and recruitment.

At the time of the visitation meeting, some concern was voiced over the financial situation of this congregation. Statistics submitted for this Study showed that of an income of approximately \$42,716.58, only \$15,641.87, or 36.6% of the income, is received through pledges. An additional 22.4% is received as a result of special campaigns and fund drives. Further, the average pledge per communicant amounted to \$20.58. As a comparison, it is noted that the average pledge per communicant throughout the United States is \$56.00. It was also observed that income from investments is used to supplement receipts from other sources. In viewing these financial figures it is felt that the congregation of St. James' Church might wish to reconsider its present program of stewardship education. It could be that some thought might be given to extending the program on a year-round basis, emphasizing stewardship of time, talents, and treasure as an act of worship and thanksgiving. An effective stewardship education program will do much to minimize the apparent reliance on fund-raising activities.

The Church Self-Study Form indicates the need for additional clergy. The General Division of Research and Field Study concurs with the feeling that additional priestly assistance is necessary at this time, especially since it is a widely held view that there should be one priest to every 400 to 600 communicants and one director of religious education for every 800 to 1,000 communicants. A Director of Religious Education is already listed among the staff. The

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services of another priest should now be obtained.

In the opinion of the General Division of Research, there is a need for a permanent planning or strategy committee to undertake a continuing reevaluation of the program of this congregation. This committee might consider the areas of the church school, adult education, stewardship, lay evangelism, recruitment, and youth activities. It must be pointed out that this committee's major responsibility will be in the planning and co-ordinating of activities. Other groups of concerned, committed, lay people should cooperate in the execution of these plans.

The members of St. James' Church ought to be proud of the efforts of their rector, as he has borne the major burden of the responsibility of leadership and spiritual guidance for such a large and widely distributed congregation. The continued effectiveness of the church's ministry in this area in the future will depend upon additional priestly assistance and the extent of the commitment of the lay members of the congregation.

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